Mr. M. K. Velu Pillai : May I know from the honourable member whether the Government will take up the question of construction of the Bridge ?

Mr. I. C. Chacko : After the other more important bridges are taken up, the question of construction of this bridge will be considered.

Mr. M. K. Velu Pillai : Does it imply that the construction of this bridge is not important ?

Mr. I. C. Chacko : Sir, a list of the important bridges have been prepared and this bridge comes in that list fifteenth or sixteenth.

Bridge at Palai.

20. * **Mr. K. C. Chandy** (*Todupuzha* cum *Minachil*) : Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) whether the construction of a bridge at Palai across the Minachil river was ever undertaken by them and if so, in what year ; and

(*b*) whether the bridge was completed and if not, why ?

Mr. I. C. Chacko : (*a*) Yes, in 1101 M. E.

(*b*) No, as a low level bridge of the type was found unsuitable there.

Mr. K. C. Chandy : May I know from the honourable member whether the construction was undertaken by the Government without investigating whether a low level bridge or high level bridge was suitable to the place ?

Mr. I. C. Chacko : At the time of construction, it was considered that a low level bridge will do.

Mr. K. C. Chandy : May I know whether subsequent investigations have been made with a view to construct a high level bridge ?

Mr. I. C. Chacko : Yes, Sir. A fresh estimate has already been prepared for a high level bridge.

Mr. K. C. Chandy : May I know whether Government intend to construct a bridge there ?

President : Order, order. Questions regarding future intentions cannot be asked.

Mr. N. Narayana Kurup (*Karunagapalli, Kartikapalli and Ambalapuzha* cum *Shertallai*) : May I know why, when a low level type of bridge was found unsuitable to the place in 1101, a high level bridge was not thought of subsequently ?

Mr. I. C. Chacko : I said that an estimate has been prepared. It is on account of the high price of materials that the construction has not been taken up.

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